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## AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed october 24, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

## In the Claims

1. (amended) A method for inducing an immune response against transformed, infected or diseased tissue comprising

[removing only components present in the blood having a molecular weight of 120,000 daltons or less,] selectively removing soluble cytokine receptor molecules until the transformed, infected, or diseased tissue is reduced in amount.

Please cancel claim 7.

8. (amended) The method of claim [7] 1 wherein the soluble cytokine receptor molecules are selected from the group consisting of soluble tissue necrosis factor receptor-1 ("sTNFR-1"), soluble tissue necrosis factor receptor-2 ("sTNFR-2"), soluble interleukin-2 receptor ("sIL-2R"),